

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM/PHONE:** Gary P. Shimun, Town Administrator/797-1034

**PREPARED BY:** Russell C. Muniz, CMC, Town Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Resolution

**AFFECTED DISTRICT:** Town-wide

**ITEM REQUEST:** Schedule for Council Meeting

**TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:** OBJECTION - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, OBJECTING TO A RECENT REVERSAL BY GOVERNOR CRIST PERTAINING TO OIL EXPLORATION DRILLING OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**REPORT IN BRIEF:** Senator John McCain recently proposed lifting the federal ban on offshore oil drilling in Florida. Governor Charlie Crist indicated in the wake of McCain's statements that he would be open to studying the proposal. Offshore drilling for oil exploration may adversely impact Florida's precious shoreline resulting in irreparable damage to our marine ecosystem and tourism.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** N/A

**CONCURRENCES:** N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:** not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Motion to approve the resolution.

**Attachment(s):** Resolution

## RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, OBJECTING TO A RECENT REVERSAL BY GOVERNOR CRIST PERTAINING TO OIL EXPLORATION DRILLING OFF OF THE COAST OF FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the exorbitant price of gasoline and other petroleum based products has adversely impacted Florida residents and affected the nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil United States Senator John McCain has proposed lifting the federal ban on offshore drilling; and

WHEREAS, Governor Charlie Crist has long been a defender of the federal moratorium on offshore drilling for oil exploration, but recently has indicated support of Senator McCain's desire to consider oil exploration drilling off of Florida's East Coast.

WHEREAS, the long term effects of offshore drilling for oil exploration off of the East Coast of Florida are unknown; and

WHEREAS, many environmentalists believe that the risk of oil spills and subsequent pollution are too great of a concern and could irreparably harm Florida's ecosystem and Tourism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Town Council objects to Governor Crist's reversal on offshore oil exploration drilling off of Florida's East Coast.

SECTION 2. The Town Council adamantly objects to any proposal that may irreparably harm Florida's shoreline and ecosystem, thereby further impacting Florida's tourism industry and economy.

SECTION 3. The Town Council urges Governor Crist to reconsider his position on this issue and stand by his earlier statement to oppose offshore oil exploration drilling.

SECTION 4. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide copies of this resolution to the Broward County Legislative Delegation, Senate President Ken Pruitt, House Speaker Marco Rubio, and Governor Charlie Crist.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008